

**CITY OF DUVALL
COUNCIL MEETING
September 26, 2013
7:30 P.M. - Duvall Fire Station**

Committee of the Whole: 6:00 p.m.

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ibershof at 7:07 P.M.

Council Present: Gary Gill, Becky Nixon, Amy Ockerlander, Gérard Cattin, Jason Walker, Scott Thomas (Absent: Leroy Collinwood)

Staff Present: Jill Long, Boyd Benson, City Attorney Rachel Turpin, Jodi Lee Wycoff, Police Chief Glenn Merryman

I. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:

Under Consent Agenda add: Payroll Checks #18259-18263 & 18269-18271, in the amount of \$178,213.58; Claims Checks #18273-18341, 18264-18268, & 18272 in the amount of \$182,877.43; and Under Council add: Councilmember Becky Nixon and Councilmember Gérard Cattin.

II. Adoption of Council Agenda:

It was moved and seconded (Nixon-Ockerlander) to adopt the 9/26/13 Council Agenda. The motion carried. (6 ayes)

III. Comments from the Audience:

Ms. Baquero-Garcia, Duvall resident, said she is the face of “the pool lady” on Facebook. She wanted to bring a voice to the idea of getting a community pool in Duvall. She asked Council to move forward with finding a way to start a conversation about having a pool in town sometime in the future. She said there is a lot of interest in the community, but she also understands it is not something that can happen right away and that financing a project like this is a big part of the issue. She asked that Council consider putting a community pool in the Comprehensive Plan and possibly form an ad-hoc committee to start discussions. She knows this will take a large community effort, and she is happy to work on this project.

Kass Holdeman, Community Coordinator, announced that the Heritage Festival is this Saturday at the Dougherty Farmstead. She encouraged all to attend this great event. She reported that the Art & Wine Walk was a great success and that so far five businesses have reported increased sales on that day. She said the third and final art piece was unveiled at the Centennial Project. Lastly, Kass said that Duvall’s very own Austin Jenckes was on *The Voice* and is now on “Team Blake”. She encouraged everyone to follow and support Austin.

Tove Burhen, Duvall resident, said that during the Wine & Art Walk, the Historical Society had paintings by Ralph Taylor displayed at the Visitor Center. She also encouraged everyone to attend the Heritage Festival this Saturday. She said even if the weather is not that great, there are still lots of things to do indoors.

Glen Kuntz, Duvall resident, requested that he be allowed to give his public comment at the end of the meeting. Council agreed.

Bill Connors, Carnation resident, said that there have been a lot of questions on Facebook about the old Duvall Library building. He asked what process was used to choose the current tenants. He also asked if it was possible to have a Request for Proposals for the use of the building in the future. He also said there is a lot of talk about the building being sold and that citizens want to be involved in these discussions if that is a possibility. He suggested that the City put a Frequently Asked Questions page on the website about the building to address the issues that are being brought up on social media outlets.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

It was moved and seconded (Nixon-Thomas) to approve the consent agenda which included approving the City Council and Committee of the Whole minutes of 9/12/13; and approval of Payroll Checks #18259-18263 & 18269-18271, in the amount of \$178,213.58; Claims Checks #18273-18341, 18264-18268, & 18272 in the amount of \$182,877.43; and excusing the absence of Councilmember Leroy Collinwood. The motion carried. (6 ayes)

V. Presentation: Friends of Youth – Karina Woodruff - National Safe Place Liaison.

Karina Woodruff, National Safe Place Liaison, said that Safe Place is an outreach program for youth, ages 11-17, that are in crisis. They serve all of King County, and it is a collaborative program between three agencies: Friends of Youth, Youth Care, and Auburn Youth Sources. Together they rotate responding to crisis calls from youth throughout King County. She explained that the City of Duvall can partner to become a Safe Place Site. Safe Place can be used via a phone call, text message, or through a Safe Place Site. Currently all Metro buses are Safe Place Sites, as well as King County Libraries, and all of the YMCAs. They are actively recruiting cities, churches, other forms of transportation, and schools to become Safe Place Sites. City of Snoqualmie has recently become a Safe Place Site. Employees of Safe Place Sites receive a 30-minute training on how to respond to youth who come in to use the service. Safe Place responds to youth needing shelter, family reunification, food, case management, and health services. Karina said she will be working with Cedarcrest High School, as well. Once Safe Place is contacted, they take over the services from the Site. Mayor Ibershof said he would like to offer City Hall, Police Headquarters, and Public Works building as Safe Place Sites.

Presentation: Kim Piira – Update on the Duvall Visitor Center

Kim Piira, showed a PowerPoint presentation giving an update on the Duvall Visitor and Centennial Center. She said 2,194 visitors have been to the Center in the last year, including those who have attended events and meetings. She showed a map of where the visitors were from, including those from out of state and out of the country. She reviewed a list of popular events at the Center, including Historical Society events and art exhibitions. Kim said that volunteers have put in 927 hours since February 2013, which equates to \$18,540 if each volunteer were paid \$20.00 per hour. Kim said that having the Visitor Center has been a benefit to the City because it offers a place for citizens to engage in the community, it is a one-stop shop for information on the community, and it is a great place for events, gatherings, and meetings. Kim then reviewed some upcoming events in the Center including a Model Train show and a Halloween party for families during the Trick or Treat Event. She thanked Council, staff, Chamber, Duvall Foundation of the Arts, the Centennial Committee, and the Historical Society for all of their work over the last year to make the Center a success. She also thanked Connie Berg for making recent improvements to the inside of the Center.

VI. Scheduled Items:

1. Mayor:

Mayor Ibershof asked Council if they want the next budget meeting on October 3rd to be at the Community (WRECK) Center or the Rose Room. Council agreed on the Community Center. He said that our very own Austin Jenckes is on *The Voice* and is on Blake's team. Mayor Ibershof welcomed Anne Wright-Cunniff to the City as the new Planning Department Administrative Assistant and said that Kass Holdeman has moved her desk up front at City Hall. In response to the public comment at the beginning of the meeting, Mayor Ibershof said that he has presented Council with options of buildings to sell, but the old library building was not one of them; he has proposed they continue using the building as a Visitor Center for 2014. He thanked Council for their involvement in the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee interviews this week.

Discussion and Direction regarding Carnation-Duvall Police Department Interlocal Agreement.

Mayor Ibershof handed out the most current draft of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for police services with City of Carnation along with the two letters that were sent to City of Carnation earlier this year regarding the contract. He said that after discussions with the Police Chief, he cannot, in good faith, continue negotiations with Carnation regarding the ILA. Council expressed their concerns about telling Carnation that we would try to make this work and now it seems we are going back on our word. They also expressed concern about issues with recruitment and the amount of overtime and comp time officers are getting right now, as well as, the mental health of the officers due to having to work so much. Council also said they are worried about Tolt Middle School not having police coverage without this contract.

Glenn Merryman, Police Chief, said that this is probably one of the most difficult things he has ever had to do in his career. He does not want to stop services in Carnation, but he is very concerned about the health and well-being of his department and sees no other option at this time but to terminate the contract. He said he has been trying to express this

concern to councils in both cities since March. He said that they have tried to recruit laterally, but it is difficult when their tenure depends on whether this contract goes through or not. If they want to hire entry level, the candidates would not start academy until December and would not be ready for the streets until this time next year. That is too much of a strain on the current staff.

There was general Council consensus to stop negotiations with City of Carnation on the Police Services ILA. A letter will be sent to Carnation early next week to notify them.

2. Council:

Councilmember Nixon said she will attend training to learn more about the new healthcare laws and will be available to answer questions from citizens. She also reminded everyone that the Quilt Show is coming up this weekend and the Women's Walk is October 5th.

Councilmember Cattin reported that he attended a meeting last week regarding dispatch centers and what to do moving forward because of low funding. He reviewed each of the recommendations, some of which were consolidating the centers, King County purchasing the system and charging the cities, and looking at training efficiencies.

VII. New Business:

1. (AB13-55) Ordinance #1154 repealing and replacing Title 10 of the Duvall Municipal Code, "Buildings and Construction." *It was moved and seconded (Cattin-Nixon) to Adopt Ordinance #1154 repealing and replacing Title 10 of the Duvall Municipal Code, "Buildings and Construction." The motion carried. (6 ayes)*

VIII. Scheduled Items:

Council Regional Committee Reports:

Councilmember Walker reported on the Watershed Forum meeting. He said they viewed a video created by the State Recreation and Conservation Office regarding salmon recovery. He said that we can have a video produced about the Snoqualmie Valley if we want. He also said that Snoqualmie Valley Strategy, a group that focuses on economic development in the valley, has a steering committee meeting on October 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Preston Community Center.

IX. Comments from the Audience:

Glen Kuntz, Duvall resident, expressed his great displeasure that Mayor and Council did not keep their word with the police services contract.

X. Adjournment:

It was moved and seconded (Thomas-Ockerlander) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Signed _____
Mayor Will Ibershof

Attest _____
Jodi Lee Wycoff, Deputy City Clerk